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CONFERENCE TREATMENT OF POLITICAL COOPERATION ISSUES

1. DURING BACKGROUND PRESS BRIEFINGS FOLLOWING THE APRIL 7-8
EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING, SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS AND MEMBER
STATE DELEGATION OFFICIALS COMMENTED ON SUMMIT DISCUSSION
OF POLITICAL COOPERATION ISSUES (REPORTED REFTEL).# HIGHLIGHTS
OF THESE PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS FOLLOW BELOW:

2. AFRICA - A U.K. SPOKESMAN (WHYTE) SAID THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN RECEIVED A "GOOD DEAL OF SUPPORT" FOR HIS APRIL 6 SPEECH ON THE HORN OF AFRICA. A BELGIAN SPOKESMAN (VAN USSEL) SAID OWEN DELIVERED A PESSIMISTIC REPORT ON RHODESIA, EMPHASIZING THE RISKS OF CUBAN INTERVENTION AND OF INTENSIFICATION OF GUERRILLA WARFARE. ACCORDING TO VAN USSEL, THERE WAS "NOT MUCH REACTION" TO OWEN'S STATEMENT. VAN USSEL ALSO SAID A PROPOSAL WAS MADE FOR A DECLARATION CALLING FOR THE EVACUATION OF FOREIGN TROOPS FROM ALL OF AFRICA, BUT THAT THIS PROPOSAL WAS DROPPED WHEN FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD REMINDED HIS COLLEAGUES THAT 4,500 FRENCH TROOPS REMAIN STATIONED IN DJIBOUTI.

3. MIDDLE EAST - VAN USSEL TOLD REPORTERS THAT A COPY OF THE ORAL STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST BY DANISH PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN (REFTEL) WOULD BE PASSED BY THE DANISH PRESIDENCY TO EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT, BUT TO NO OTHER MIDDLE EAST LEADER.

4. CSCE - FRG FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER TOLD REPORTERS ALL MEMBER STATES AGREED THAT BELGRADE MEETING WAS A DISAPPOINTMENT. GENSCHER SAID THE FRG WOULD PUSH FOR A "POLITICAL LEVEL" MEETING AT MADRID, BOTH TO KEEP UP PRESSURE ON THE EAST AND TO ENSURE THAT ISSUES ARE NOT LOST SIGHT OF THROUGH RELEGATION TO EXPERTS GROUPS.
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